

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Wayne Belcher

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For: NON-MARKING SEALANT TOOL

Examiner: E. S. Luk

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2007 and further to the telephonic interviews on August 21, 2007 and August 23, 2007, Applicant submits the following comments.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's decision to withdraw the current Office Action, and looks forward to receiving from the Examiner results of a new search.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's courtesy to Applicant's representatives during the 21 and 23 August, 2007 telephone conferences, where the rejections and prior art were discussed.

In particular, Applicant's representatives noted that the application supports the claims (see, e.g., Figure 4), and further noted that the serrations on Julien's blade prevent Julien from disclosing or suggesting symmetry about a longitudinal axis, as encompassed by the pending claims.